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The reply brief filed January 18, 2000 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Broad of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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